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BEAUMARIS PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the following report for the year 1955, as directed by the Ministry of Health re Form Port 20. During the year there were no cases of Infectious Disease reported in the district covered by the Authority. No contact cases of small-pox were examined. No. V.D. cases and no accident cases. The Staff carried out their usual inspection of ships, and no action was necessary, all official notices were observed. We have had no complaints this year as regards pollution of mussels, but strict observation is still maintained.

SECTION I - Staff.

Clerk to the Authority.....	Ernest Roberts
Medical Officer	Dr. G. Idwal Griffith, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., 1929.
Chief Port Health Inspector:	Rees Griffiths, M.R.San.I.,M.S.I.A. 1933
District Inspector Penmaenmawr Area ...	A. Crowther, San. Inspector . 1952.
District Inspector Bangor Area.....	G.W. Outram, C.R.San.I.,M.S.I.A. 1944.
District Inspector Menai Bridge	R.J. Pritchard, San. Inspector. 1948.
District Inspector Beaumaris Area	Orwig Hughes, San. Inspector. 1948.

SECTION II

TABLE B.

Section II - Amount of Shipping entering the district during the Year. Table B.

Ships From	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of Ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
			By Medical Officer of Health.	By San. Inspectors.	
Foreign Ports	3	600	3	Nil	Nil
Coastwise	8	1487	-	8	Nil
Total	11	2087	3	8	Nil

Three Foreign Ships carrying timber examined at Menai Bridge Wharf - examination satisfactory.

Ships examined by Sanitary Inspectors.

	1st. Quarter		2nd. Quarter		3rd. Quarter		4th Quarter		TOTAL	
	Ships.	Tons	Ships.	Tons	Ships	Tons.	Ships.	Tons	Ships	Tons.
BANGOR	Nil	Nil	2	406	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	406
BEAUMARIS	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
CONWAY	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
MENAI BRIDGE	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
PENMAENMAWR	Nil	Nil	2	398	4	683	Nil	Nil	6	1081.
	Nil	Nil	4	804	4	683	Nil	Nil	8	1487

SECTION III - Table C.

Character of Shipping and Trade during the year.

	Net. Tonn. Passengers			
	T.S.St.	Tudno	934	286,317
Passenger Traffic	T.S.St. Seiriol	610	151,713	Bangor Corporation
	M.V. St. Trillo	121	78,802	Ferry Boats .. 19,954. Passeng.
Cargo Traffic	Principal Imports - Coal Timber			
	Principal Exports - Slate, Granite and Stone.			
Principal Ports from which Ships arrive.	Liverpool, Ireland and Scandinavia.			

SECTION IV

Ireland Barge Traffic

N I L

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

The water supply available for shipping is, in every district supplied from town mains, via standpipes to which hoses can be attached. Stand pipes are fixed on jetties and piers within easy distance of berthing and no problem of contamination of supplies need arise.

Conway Quay and Deganwy Jetty & Dock. Water is supplied by Cowlyd Joint Water Board ex Conway Borough. The source of supplies is from open lakes situated high up in the Vale of Conway.

Penmaenmawr. Source of supply - Mountain lake - Craig Llwyd - situated above the town and a closed reservoir on Penmaenmawr Mountain.

Bangor Water Supply. On quays and jetties from Bangor City Waterworks - source of supply is from open lakes in the Ogwen Valley.

Menai Bridge and Beaumaris. Both receive supplies of water from the new Anglesey County Council waterworks with open reservoir at Llangefni.

All supplies are routine tested by the Local Authorities concerned, and by the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene, London.

SECTION VI. PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952.

(1) LIST OF INFECTED AREA. (Regulation 6)	No. Change.
(2) RADIO MESSAGES	No Change
(3) NOTIFICATIONS OTHERWISE THAN BY RADIO	Semaphore Coast Guards
(4) MOORING STATIONS	No Change
(5) ARRANGEMENTS	No Change.

SECTION VIISMALLPOX

1. Cases can be sent to Gwersyllt Infectious dispensary at Caernarvon by arrangement with County M.O.H.
2. By Special selected Ambulance attached to the above Hospital.
3. Dr. Parry Pritchard, County M.O.H., Caernarvon who can further opinion of Dr. E.R. Pierce, P.H.A., Liverpool - Liverpool Central 0831/2 - 0723.
Garston 1236.
4. Bangor C & A Hospital and Liverpool Corporation Laboratories.

SECTION VIII - VENERAL DISEASES.

No cases reported.

Arrangements have been made for providing treatment at V.D. Centre at C & A. Hospital. The facilities are made known at each Port.

SECTION IX.Cases of Notifiable and Other Infectious Diseases on Ships.

No cases reported.

These cases are reported by Foreign Ships to Liverpool Port Health Authority, whose Medical Officer boards the vessel and takes necessary measures.

SECTION XObservations on the occurrence of Malaria in Ships

Most of Foreign Vessels come from North European countries, therefore malarial cases are rare. However, arrangements are made to send them to the Tropical School at Liverpool.

SECTION XIMeasures taken against ships infected with or suspect from plague

No change in method adopted.

Any suspected cases are examined, and blood test made. Rodent are dealt with and examined bacteriologically at C & A Laboratories.

SECTION XIIMeasures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

- (1) Local District Inspectors, (2) Bacteriological and Pathological examination at C & A Hospital Laboratories, No rodent suspected. (3) None. (4) None.

TABLE ERodents destroyed during the year in ships from Foreign Ports

N I L

TABLE F.

No deratting exemption certificates issued during the year
for ships from Foreign Ports.

NIL

SECTION XIIIInspection of Ships for NuisancesTable G.

and No. of Inspection		Notices served		Result of
		Statutory	Others	Notices.
Routine	11	Nil	Nil	-

SECTION XIVPublic Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations, 1934 and 1948

Order (Public Health Shell-fish) regulations made to operate from 1st. November, 1948, applying to Mussels and Cockles.

Prescribed Area, is extensive. It covers the Menai Straits from Menai Bridge to Gallows Point in the North and to Aber in the South. The pollution is heavy and the Order is still in force.

SECTION XV

Medical Inspection of Aliens (applicable only to ports
approved for the landing of aliens.)

(1) None. (2) None. (3) None. (4) None. (5) None.

SECTION XVIMiscellaneous

There are mortuaries available at Conway Borough, Penmaenmawr, Bangor and on the Anglesey side for Beaumaris and Menai Bridge.

Burial facilities are available in every district. There are no cremation facilities available in any of these districts.

Inspector's Report. Bangor Mussels.

Regular consignment of mussels from Bangor have been dispatched to the Tanks at Portmadoc. As previously reported arrangements for sampling have been agreed between the Officers of your Authority, Officers of the Ministry of Fisheries at Conway and the Sanitary Officer of Portmadoc, under which all consignments will be supervised and tested before the mussels are offered to the Public.

It is gratifying to report that this arrangement has worked well. Over one hundred and twenty samples from Portmadoc, ex Bangor, have been tested at the Ministry's Laboratory at Conway since the inception of the scheme, and in each case the result has been reported as Sanitary Grade 1 - which is acceptable to all markets.

There has been very little activity in any of the Ports, and no action has been necessary.

Conway continues to be a busy centre for inshore fishing. It is interesting to note that the Order prescribing certain Prohibited Areas in the Estuary for mussel gathering has been revoked, from which it may be concluded that the system of cleansing has proved to be effective even when mussels of a comparative high degree of pollution are properly treated.

Penmaenmawr is still the port where the greatest tonnage of shipping is recorded. Most if not all, vessels are British home traders and come under the control of the larger Port Authorities every few days. Therefore, except for accident or infection - neither of which has occurred - no action has been necessary.

Rhes Griffiths,
Chief Port Health Inspector.

In conclusion it has been free from any exceptional heavy work.

I remain,
Your obedient Servant,

G. IDWAL GRIFFITHS,

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

